

and I will do everything possible to protect these locally designed and administered programs in northern Michigan.

I urge my colleagues to vote no on H.R. 2210. Vote no to dismantling Head Start.

# FLORINE WARDEN'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

## HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, on August 26, Mrs. Florine Warden will be celebrating her 85th birthday. Her story is one of success. From the coalfields of West Virginia she has endlessly battled to preserve the liberties of her community. As her birthday approaches I wish to thank Mrs. Warden for the extraordinary effort she has put into our State.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "none deserve better than those who contribute to the amelioration of that form (government)." Mrs. Warden's life has been one of great service and citizenship. She has dedicated her life to voicing her opinion and striving to improve our form of government. Those who reside in Southern West Virginia know of her unwavering dedication to encouraging others to become active citizens. She has fought diligently on the political battlefield at the grassroots level. She brings a special enthusiasm to her community and the State of West Virginia. She has donated her time to improve and enhance our political process.

Mrs. Warden has spent countless hours working for the underprivileged. From picket lines to food drives, Mrs. Warden is a force for the less fortunate. She has sought to better her community by working as a booster for local high schools and colleges. This amazing woman has also devoted her time to the West Virginian Department of Highways, as well as the Department of Natural Resources. She has worked for the State, but more importantly for the people of West Virginia, which she cares for so dearly. She has worked tirelessly for the United Mine Workers of America. She is the true embodiment of the Mother Jones's mantra, "Mourn the dead, and fight like hell for the living."

Mrs. Warden's hard work has not gone unnoticed. Her many honors include the Distinguished West Virginian Award, the Beautification Award "Make West Virginia Shine," and an induction into the Democrat Hall of Fame. Just last year I was at hand when Mrs. Warden was presented the labor award in the 17th Annual Celebrate Women Awards. With these awards, the word of her hard work has spread from Southern West Virginia to the rest of the State, and across our great Nation. In her amazing eighty-five years, she has been dedicated to promoting labor services in West Virginia and with her hard work she is irreplaceable in the political world. She has continually fought for the betterment of our form of government. I agree with Mr. Jefferson and feel that none deserve better than Mrs. Warden.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 25, 2003

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 227: H. Res. 159. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 228: H. Res. 195. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 229: H.R. 1465. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 230: S. 222. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 231: S. 273. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 232: S. 763. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 233: H. Amdt. to H. J. Res. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 234: Final passage of H. J. Res. 4. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 235: Motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 231. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 236: on agreeing to H. Res. 257. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 237: Motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 177. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 238: Motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 201. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 239: H.R. 1954. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 240: H. Amdt. 154 to H.R. 760. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 241: Motion to Recommit to H.R. 760. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 242: final passage of H.R. 760. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 243: On Ordering the Previous Question for H. Res. 256. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 244: H. Res. 258. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 245: H. Res. 258. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 246: on passage

of H.R. 1474. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 247: S. 222. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 248: S. 273. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 249: H.R. 1610. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 250: H. Con Res. 162. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 251: S. 763. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 252: H. Res. 263 to H.R. 2143. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 253: H. Res. 263 to H.R. 2143. Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 254: H. Amdt. 159 to H.R. 2143. Had I been present, I would have voted "No."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 255: Passage of H.R. 2143. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 256: H. Res. 252: Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 257: On ordering the previous question for H.R. 2115. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 258: On agreeing to the rule for H.R. 2115. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 259: On passage of H. Con. Res. 110. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 260: On passage of H.R. 1320. Had I been present I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 261: H.R. 2350. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 262: H. Amdt. 5 to H.R. 2115. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 263: H. Amdt. 4 to H.R. 2115. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 264: On passage of H.R. 2115. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 265: H. Res. 269 to H.R. 1115. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 266: H. Res. 269 to H.R. 1115. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

Mr. Speaker, due to family reasons, I was unable to vote on rollcall No. 268: H. Amdt.